

Remarks/Arguments

These Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2003.

Claims 1-4, 6-23 and 25-28 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected all of the claims. The present Response does not cancel, amend or add any new claims.

Claims 1-4, 6-23 and 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C § 102(b) as being anticipated by the Applicants admitted prior art of the "Startac® organizer manufactured by Motorola, et al., as supported by the StarTac clipOn Organizer, Synchronization, and TrueSync Desktop – User's Guide," published by Motorola, Inc. Claims 1-4, 6-23 and 25-28 are rejected under 25 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Saarinen et al. (EP-0915604). Claims 1-4, 6-23 and 25-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as being anticipated by Bodnar, U.S. Patent No. 6,417,874. The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

The StarTac clipOn Organizer described in the desktop User's Guide and in the background of the present inventions specification and the Bodnar patent, allow the user to scroll between alphabetical tabs using an up and down key. The Saarinen published application in paragraph 24 describes using an up and down scroll key to select letters.

Claim 1 of the present invention includes generating an abbreviated list with a maximum number of entries each entry mapped to a control input in a control input in a display device. Claim 21 of the present invention includes generating an abbreviated list with common first characters each entry of the abbreviated list being mapped to control input in a display device.

None of the cited prior art has each entry mapped to a control input in a display device. The StarTac device, the Bodnar device and the Saarinen device are described as using up and down selectors to move a cursor over a letter or a group of letters and then select that letter. Thus, each entry is not mapped to a control input in a controller device. For example, in each of the prior art devices, when the cursor is on the letter "M", entries for a letter "T" are not mapped

to a control input in a display device. Entries for the letter "T" are only accessible by scrolling from the current letter to the letter "T" using the up and down functions.

Figure 4 of the present invention; illustrates an example of mapping each entry to a control input of a display device. In this example, in the list 104, each entry such as ABC and TUV are mapped to a control input. ABC is mapped to the control input 2 and TUV is mapped to the control input 8. Up and down scrolling is not required.

For the above discussed reasons, claims 1 and 21 are believed to be allowable.

Claims 2-4, 6-10 are dependent upon claim 1. Claims 21-23 and 25-28 are dependent upon claim 21. For these reasons, these claims are believed to be allowable.

Claim 11 includes alphabetizing a list of data, determining whether the alphabetized list exceeds a maximum list length, and if so, grouping multiple set together based upon the maximum list length.

The prior art systems cited by the Examiner need not determine whether an alphabetized list exceeds the maximum list length, since the prior systems use up and down inputs to scroll to access alphabetized information. The maximum list length requirement of claim 11 of the present invention is useful to ensure that each group of entries can have an input on a display device.

The determining, grouping and mapping steps are not disclosed, suggested or given a motivation for in the prior art systems. For this reason claim 11 is believed to be allowable. Claims 12-20 are depended upon claims 11 and for that reason believed to be allowable.

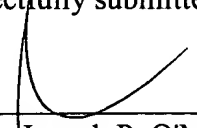
Claims 1-4, 4-23 and 25-28 remain in present application and for the discussed above reasons are believed to be allowable.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if we can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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